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Week of October 3 - October 9, 2005

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Widespread precipitation from rain and snow.

Row crop harvest delayed by wet conditions.

Hay and roughage supplies adequate in most areas.

Daytime highs were mostly in the mid 70's to upper 80's during the beginning of the week but dropped to mostly in the upper 40's to 50's by mid-week. Night time temperatures were mostly in the low to upper 20's. Temperatures began the week unseasonably warm but were much cooler by mid-week. A mid-week storm system brought widespread precipitation and snow to most of the state, followed by another snow storm in the Southeast over the weekend.

As of October 9, 55 percent of the State had adequate topsoil moisture and 5 percent was surplus, 22 points better than last week. Rain and snowfall from the storms brought above normal precipitation nearly everywhere.

SOIL MOISTURE TABLE

TOPSOIL	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	Percent			
Very Short	15	18	21	33
Short	25	44	39	45
Adeq	55	38	40	26
Surp	5	0	0	0

CROP PROGRESS TABLE

ITEM	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	Percent			
Winter Wheat Emerged	99	82	83	91
Corn Dent	97	94	92	97
Corn Mature	80	50	36	77
Corn Harvested	14	0	0	12
Dry Beans Windrowed	95	91	86	95
Dry Beans Combined	83	73	58	81
Sugarbeets Harvested	4	1	19	26
Alfalfa Third Cut	73	64	51	78

**FIELD CROP REPORT:** An average of 4.7 days were suitable for field work. Winter wheat had emerged on almost all of the expected acreage. The winter wheat crop condition improved slightly with over half rated in good condition, compared with about 70 percent good or excellent last year. The sugarbeet harvest was 4 percent complete, 15 points behind last year and 22 points behind average. Wet fields prevented beet harvest from becoming more general. Sugarbeets condition was unchanged from last week at 85 percent good and 15 percent fair.

Corn condition was unchanged with 13 percent rated excellent and 64 percent good, and was still better than last year when only 63 percent was rated good and none excellent. Ninety-seven percent of the corn was dented, even with the average and 5 points ahead of last year. Corn maturity advanced rapidly and was reached on 80 percent of the acreage, about 2 days ahead of the average and 18 days ahead of last year. The corn harvest began and was complete on 14 percent of the acreage, just ahead of the average pace.

Ninety-five percent of the dry beans were windrowed, ahead of last year by 9 points and even with the average. Eighty-three percent of the dry beans were combined, 2 points ahead of average and 25 points ahead of last year. Wet conditions delayed bean combining in some areas. The third cutting of alfalfa was 73 percent complete, 22 points ahead of last year but 5 points behind average.

CROP CONDITION TABLE

ITEM	V POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCEL
	Percent				
Winter Wheat	0	2	46	52	0
Corn	0	5	18	64	13
Sugarbeets	0	0	15	85	0

**LIVESTOCK, PASTURE, AND RANGE REPORT:** Range and pasture feed was rated good or excellent in 49 percent of the state, down 2 points from last week but well ahead of last year's 22 percent and the 5-year average of 12 percent. Livestock condition was rated 77 percent good and 10 percent excellent, compared with 80 percent good and 1 percent excellent last year. Hay and roughage supplies were generally plentiful, rated as 80 percent adequate and 17 percent surplus. Last year, 70 percent was rated adequate and none surplus.

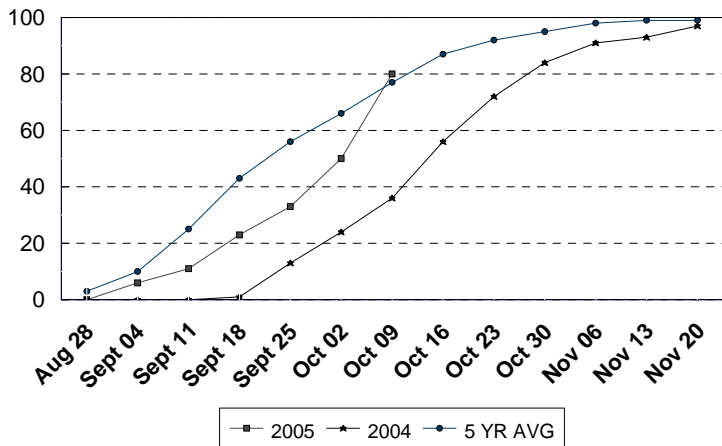
PASTURE AND RANGE FEED

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	Percent			
Very Poor	5	5	38	33
Poor	16	16	23	29
Fair	30	28	17	26
Good	45	47	18	11
Excellent	4	4	4	1

**WEATHER SUMMARY:** For the week ending Friday, October 7th, temperatures ranged from 4.6 degrees below normal in Cody and Greybull to 5.0 degrees above normal in Laramie. The high temperature was 91 in Torrington and the low was 18 in Big Piney. All areas reported some precipitation and most amounts were above normal. Storms during the week and the weekend brought widespread precipitation and much cooler temperatures with freezing temperatures everywhere. The most precipitation was reported in Sundance with 1.85 inches followed by Newcastle with 1.42 inches and Kaycee with 1.29 inches.

Corn Mature

Percent



TEMPERATURE			PRECIPITATION					
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SNAKE DRAINAGE								
Jackson	74	19	-2.6	1.06	0.75	12.30	13.41	-1.11
Afton	76	22	-3.4	1.08	0.73	15.74	14.26	1.48
GREEN & BEAR DRAINAGE								
Uinta County AP	75	25	-2.0	0.31	0.06	8.72	8.98	-0.26
Big Piney AP	75	18	-0.4	0.17	0.02	9.22	6.32	2.90
Rock Springs AP	78	27	0.4	0.39	0.22	7.74	7.50	0.24
BIG HORN DRAINAGE								
Cody	81	27	-4.6	0.65	0.44	10.47	9.39	1.08
Deaver	87	27	-2.5	0.69	0.59	8.20	5.00	3.20
Greybull AP	87	29	-4.6	0.67	0.52	6.19	6.38	-0.19
Powell Field St	85	26	-1.4	0.78	0.64	9.31	6.48	2.83
Worland FAA AP	86	27	-4.1	0.99	0.79	7.03	6.84	0.19
POWDER, LITTLE MO. & TONGUE DRAINAGE								
Kaycee	87	26	-0.7	1.29	0.99	12.30	11.51	0.79
Sheridan WSO AP	87	19	-2.4	0.68	0.35	14.87	12.28	2.60
BELLE FOURCHE DRAINAGE								
Dillinger	88	20	-0.5	1.22	0.92	15.61	12.70	2.92
Sundance	88	22	-3.1	1.85	1.48	11.78	16.07	-4.29
CHEYENNE & NIOBRARA DRAINAGE								
Newcastle	87	24	-1.1	1.42	1.11	16.58	13.91	2.67
Redbird	88	24	-1.2	1.08	0.81	14.96	13.75	1.22
LOWER PLATTE DRAINAGE								
Casper AP	84	24	2.3	0.36	0.11	8.86	10.76	-1.90
Cheyenne AP	82	27	2.9	0.23	0.03	12.43	13.85	-1.42
Chugwater	86	21	0.0	0.25	0.04	13.05	13.70	-0.65
Douglas AP	87	24	3.2	0.10	-0.06	8.00	10.91	-2.91
Torrington AP	91	21	3.0	0.51	0.29	13.01	12.22	0.79
Wheatland 4 N	90	23	1.5	0.73	0.53	12.67	11.63	1.04
WIND RIVER DRAINAGE								
Lander AP	83	26	-2.5	1.13	0.86	10.24	10.78	-0.54
Riverton AP	84	29	-0.4	1.00	0.82	6.89	7.31	-0.42
UPPER PLATTE DRAINAGE								
Laramie AP	76	23	5.0	0.08	-0.08	8.17	9.71	-1.54
Rawlins AP	76	23	3.4	0.05	-0.14	7.27	7.99	-0.72
Saratoga	75	24	3.9	0.48	0.27	7.97	8.41	-0.44

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